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## TURKEY.

*Sanitary report from Constantinople.*

[Report No. 152.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *May 30, 1896.*

SIR: The sanitary condition of Constantinople is always the same. An epidemic of influenza exists, and I fear that we will have an epidemic of scarlet fever. There are several cases of a disease which is not recognized as being scarlet fever until desquamation begins and nephritis occurs. The rash is more or less well marked and evident, but it is not accompanied by any elevation of the temperature of the body. It is to be hoped that on account of the season, during which the inhabitants of the town go to the country in order to breathe pure air, the above-mentioned disease will not spread.

The sanitary news from the different provinces state that in nearly all of them influenza and smallpox are prevailing. Besides these diseases there also exists in the provinces of Asia Minor a large epidemic of spotted typhus, typhoid fever, and dysentery. The day before yesterday 4 physicians were sent from Constantinople to Marash and surrounding places by the American Mission, directed by Miss Clara Barton, in order to take the necessary steps to check the epidemics and attend the patients.

According to the news received from the above-mentioned provinces the general condition there is terrible. The population is mowed down by epidemics and by famine—a wretched condition, which can not be described.

In Egypt, cholera cases and cholera deaths are becoming more and more numerous. On the 5th instant 11 cases and 11 cholera deaths were registered; on the 8th, 19 cases and 14 deaths; on the 9th, 24, and 16 deaths, and on the 10th and 11th there were registered 29 cases, with 21 deaths. In consequence of this news it has been decided that ships coming from the Mediterranean sea coast of Egypt have to undergo five days' quarantine in a Turkish lazaretto, with disinfection of wearing apparel in the disinfecting furnace. I have to state that some of the disinfecting furnaces in the lazarettos are not in the best condition, as the steam can not be put under pressure on account of the leakages. Passengers quitting Egypt for the Hedjaz have to undergo ten days' quarantine at the lazaretto of Tor.

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## STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*Brisbane and Suburbs.*—Month of March, 1896. Estimated population 93,657. Total deaths, 105, including diphtheria, 1; whooping cough, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 11.

*New South Wales—Sydney and Suburbs.*—Month of March, 1896. Estimated population, 408,500. Total deaths, 490, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 20; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 17.

BERMUDA.—Week ended May 22, 1896. Estimated population, 15,013. Total deaths, 2. No deaths from contagious diseases.